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dementias, epilepsy and convulsions, or for anesthetizing a mammal including a human, or for alleviating pain, producing a neuroprotective effect, enhancing analgesic, controlling water balance, hearing regulation, controlling sodium ion excretion or ameliorating brain function in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.